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MEMO ENDORSED

The defendant Taasera Licensing LLC's request for permission to file under seal an unredacted version of its reply in support of its motion to dismiss is GRANTED. It is SO ORDERED.

VIA ECF

July 21, 2022

The Honorable Judge Edgardo Ramos United States District Judge United States District Court for the Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007 Edgardo Ramos, U.S.D.J

Dated: July 22, 2022 New York, New York

RE: Palo Alto Networks, Inc. v. Taasera Licensing LLC

and Quest Patent Research Corporation
Case No. 1:22-cv-02306-ER/SDA (S.D.N.Y.)

Dear Judge Ramos:

We represent Defendant Taasera Licensing LLC ("Defendant") in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Your Honor's Individual Practice Rule 3.ii., Defendant respectfully requests permission to file under seal an unredacted version of the Reply Memorandum in Support of the Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction, or in the Alternative, to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim.

Plaintiff filed this action on March 22, 2022, asserting declaratory judgment claims for, *inter alia*, non-infringement. (D.I. 1.) Plaintiff then filed its First Amended Complaint (the "Complaint"), on May 14, 2022. (D.I. 21). Defendant's reply memorandum in support of its motion to dismiss describes confidential business and agreement information, which will be redacted from the publicly filed versions. Filing an unsealed, unredacted version of the memorandum would disclose the information publicly, violating certain agreement confidentiality provisions.

In reviewing a motion to seal, courts consider three factors: (1) whether the document is a "judicial document"; (2) "the weight of the presumption of access to that document"; and (3) whether "the factors that legitimately counsel against disclosure of the judicial document" outweigh the presumption of access. *Mirlis v. Greer*, 952 F.3d 51, 59 (2d Cir. 2020); *see also Lugosch v. Pyramid Co, of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 119 (2d Cir. 2006). One factor that weighs

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against disclosure is privacy interests, such as the "interest in protecting confidential business information." *Standard Inv. Chartered, Inc. v. Fin. Indus. Regulatory Auth., Ind.*, 347 F. App'x 615, 617 (2d Cir. 2009). This Court has sealed judicial documents where such confidential business information would be disclosed. *See, e.g., GoSMiLE, Inc. v. Dr. Jonathan Levine, D.M.D. P.C.*, 769 F. Supp. 2d 630, 649–50 (S.D.N.Y. 2011) (finding the "the privacy interests of the defendants outweigh the presumption of public access" for documents containing "highly proprietary material concerning the defendants' marketing strategies, product development, costs and budgeting"); *Living Abroad LLC v. World Trade Resource, Inc. et al.*, No. 7-18-cv-00595 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 23, 2018), D.I. 4 (granting motion to seal agreements containing commercially sensitive information).

Here, the memorandum includes confidential business and agreement information, and Defendant wishes to maintain the information as confidential. At the same time, Plaintiff would be prejudiced if it were unable to reference the information in bringing its declaratory judgment claims.

For the above reasons, Defendant respectfully requests that this motion to seal be granted. We thank the Court for its consideration of the within request.

Dated: July 21, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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